

**Town of Amherst**  
**UNOFFICIAL RECORD OF VOTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**

Monday, June 6, 2022

6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Councilors in attendance: Bahl-Milne, Devlin Gauthier, Griesemer, Hanneke, Rooney, Steinberg, Taub

Councilors participating remotely: De Angelis, Lopes, Miller, Pam, Schoen, Walker

Councilors Absent:

Staff in attendance: Town Manager Paul Bockelman, Clerk of the Council Athena O’Keeffe, IT Director Sean Hannon

Others Participating Remotely: Finance Director Sean Mangano, DPW Superintendent Guilford Mooring, Planning Director Christine Brestrup, Planner Ben Breger

**When remote participation is used, all votes will be taken by roll call.**

Per MGL Chapter 30A Section 20(f), this meeting is being recorded and broadcast by Amherst Media.

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President Griesemer called the Special Town Council meeting, Public Forum on the Capital Improvement Program, to order at 6:32 pm; adjourned at 6:45 pm.

President Griesemer called the Town Council meeting to order at 6:45 pm; adjourned at 11:47 pm.

**5. Consent Agenda**

The following items were selected because they were considered to be routine and it was reasonable to expect they would pass with no controversy. To remove an item from the consent agenda for discussion later in the meeting, ask that it be removed when the President lists the consent agenda items. The request to remove an item from the consent agenda does not require a second.

**MOVED:** To move the following items, and the printed motions thereunder and approve those items as a single unit:

- 6.a. **Adoption** of Race Amity Day Proclamation
- 8.c. **Designation** of Norwottuck Rail Trail from Station Road south to Amherst/Belchertown Town Line as Recreational
- 8.e. **Adoption** of Proposed Water and Sewer Rates
- ~~8.f. **Referral** of Parking Regulations on Lincoln Street between Amity and McClellan Streets to Town Services and Outreach Committee~~ Removed by Hanneke
- 8.h. **Approval** of Pioneer Valley Driving School Request for Long-Term Use of Two Parallel Parking Spaces on North Pleasant Street
- 8.i. **Amendment** to Town Council Rules of Procedure Rule 9.5: Number of Votes Required

- 9.a. **Waiver** of Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.6 for agenda item 9.a. Approval of Town Manager Appointments to Solar Bylaw Working Group
- 9.a. **Approval** of Resident Town Manager Appointments to Solar Bylaw Working Group; Committee appointments removed by De Angelis
- ~~9.b. **Appointments** to the Planning Board-Removed by Hanneke~~
- 11.a. **Approval** of May 2, 2022 regular Town Council meeting minutes

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Devlin Gauthier

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Unanimous

**6. Resolutions and Proclamations**

**a. Race Amity Day Proclamation**

**VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA:** To adopt the Race Amity Day Proclamation, as presented.

**8. Action Items**

**a. Rescission of Zoning Bylaw Article 13 – Demolition Delay for Structures of Historical or Architectural Significance**

First Reading

**b. Proposed General Bylaw – Preservation of Historically Significant Buildings**

First Reading

**c. Designation of Norwottuck Rail Trail from Station Road south to Amherst/Belchertown Town Line as Recreational**

**VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA:** That the portions of the Town Property, which portions are approximately shown as “Parcel X-BP-2” (containing 346,257 square feet, more or less) and “Parcel Y-BP-3” (containing 138,779 square feet, more or less) on a plan entitled “Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division Plan and Profile of Norwottuck Rail Trail Resurfacing in the Towns of Amherst and Belchertown Hampshire County,” as said plan may be amended from time to time and/or replaced by an easement plan, are hereby dedicated and designated primarily for water supply and/or water supply protection purposes and secondarily for public recreational trail purposes, in perpetuity.

**d. Centennial Water Treatment Facility Funding**

Automatic referral to Finance Committee

**e. Water and Sewer Rates**

**VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA:** To adopt “Approval Order FY23-10, an order setting Water and Sewer Rates to be effective July 1, 2022” as recommended by the Finance Committee report of May 16, 2022 and shown on page 7 of the Motions Sheet.

**f. Public Way: Parking Regulations on Lincoln Avenue between Amity and McClellan Streets**

**MOVED:** To refer to the Town Services and Outreach Committee consideration of implementing parking regulations on the east side of Lincoln Avenue between Amity and McClellan Streets.

Motion by: Devlin Gauthier

Seconded by: Rooney

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 10-2-1 abstention (Bahl-Milne, Devlin Gauthier, Griesemer, Miller, Pam, Rooney, Schoen, Steinberg, Taub, and Walker voted Yes; Hanneke and De Angelis voted No; Lopes Abstained)

**g. Public Way: Proposed Permanent and Interim Parking Regulations on North Pleasant Street from Triangle to Hallock Street**

**MOVED:** On an interim basis, to implement one-way northbound traffic on North Pleasant Street from McClellan Street to Triangle Street, to move parking spaces to the east side of the street, that twenty spaces near the park be metered parking with a 2-hour limit from 8 am to 6 pm, Monday through Saturday, at a rate of 50 cents/hour, with three of those spaces designated handicapped; and to permanently implement the North Pleasant on-street parking plan as follows:

- 1 parking space for handicapped parking and designed for a van.
- 2 other parking spaces for handicapped parking.
- 7 back-in parking spaces for dual use as both permit parking enforced Monday through Friday, September to May, from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and metered parking at 50 cents/hour with a two-hour parking limit enforced Monday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- 3 parallel parking spaces for dual use as both permit parking enforced Monday through Friday, September to May, from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and metered parking at 50 cents/hour with a two-hour parking limit enforced Monday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- 20 back-in parking spaces for metered parking at 50 cents/hour with a two-hour parking limit enforced Monday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Hanneke

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 12-1 (Bahl-Milne, De Angelis, Devlin Gauthier, Griesemer, Hanneke, Lopes, Miller, Pam, Rooney, Schoen, Taub, and Walker voted Yes; Steinberg voted No)

**h. Public Way: Pioneer Valley Driving School Request for Long-Term Use of Two Parallel Parking Spaces on North Pleasant Street**

**VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA:** To authorize the long-term, temporary use of the public way of one parking space on North Pleasant Street near the intersection with McClellan Street as follows:

- One metered parking space;
- Two Saturdays per month (exact days and dates to be determined with the Town Manager's office);
- 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.;
- June 6, 2022-June 30, 2023 (estimated to be 26 days);
- \$10/day/parking space.

i. **Amendment to Town Council Rules of Procedure Rule 9.5: Number of Votes Required**

**VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA:** To amend the Town Council Rules of Procedure Rule 9.5 by removing “Amending Council Rules of Procedures. Rule 1.6.” from Items requiring at least 7 votes in favor for passage and inserting “Amending Council Rules of Procedures. Rule 1.6.” to Items requiring at least 9 votes in favor for passage.  
(2/3 vote)

9. **Appointments**

a. **Town Manager Appointments**

1) **Solar Bylaw Working Group – Charter Sec. 2.11(b)**

**MOVED:** In accordance with Charter section 2.11(b), to approve the following Town Manager appointments to the Solar Bylaw Working Group, as filed with the Town Clerk on May 17, 2022, effective immediately, for terms to expire May 31, 2023:

- Janet McGowan (Planning Board)
- Dwayne Breger (Energy and Climate Action Committee)
- Laura Pagliarulo (Conservation Commission)
- Jack Jemsek (Water Supply Protection Committee)

Motion by: Hanneke

Seconded by: Bahl-Milne

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 10-2, 1 absence (Bahl-Milne, Devlin Gauthier, Griesemer, Hanneke, Lopes, Miller, Rooney, Steinberg, Taub, and Walker voted Yes; De Angelis and Schoen voted No; Pam Abstained)

**VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA:** To waive Town Council Rules of Procedure rule 8.6 for the current agenda item. (2/3 vote)

**VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA:** In accordance with Charter section 2.11(b), to approve the following Town Manager appointments to the Solar Bylaw Working Group, as filed with the Town Clerk on June 1, 2022, effective immediately, for terms to expire May 31, 2023:

- Robert Brooks
- Daniel Corkran
- Martha Hanner

b. **Town Council Appointments**

1) **Planning Board – Charter Sec. 2.9(c)**

**MOVED:** To appoint to the Planning Board, effective July 1, 2022, for terms expiring June 30, 2025: Bruce Coldham and Karin Winter.

Motion by: Griesemer

Seconded by: Devlin Gauthier

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Unanimous

11. **Approval of Minutes**

a. **May 2, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes**

**VOTED VIA CONSENT AGENDA:** To approve the May 2, 2022 Town Council Meeting minutes, as presented.

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OTHER FINANCIAL ORDERS

**APPROVAL ORDER #: FY23-10**

**An order setting of the Water and Sewer Rates to be effective July 1, 2022. (majority vote)**

**BE IT ORDERED** by the Town Council of Amherst that: the Town Council, serving as the Water Commission and the Sewer Commission as prescribed by Section 2.14 of the Amherst Home Rule Charter, hereby increases the water rate from \$4.60/100 cubic feet to \$4.75/100 cubic feet, and increases the sewer rate from \$4.90/100 cubic feet to \$5.20/100 cubic feet, effective July 1, 2022, as recommended by the Town Manager in his memorandum to the Town Council dated April 25, 2022.

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the Town Council for which a quorum was present, the above Order was adopted by a vote of \_\_\_\_ for, \_\_\_\_ against and \_\_\_\_ present on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Athena O’Keeffe, Town Council Clerk

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J. Lynn Griesemer, Council President